

Summary Sheet

Strategic Director Report

Title:

Conversion of the status of an existing footway, to a shared use footway on Fenton Road, Wingfield, Rotherham

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report:

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Ward(s) Affected:

Wingfield

Executive Summary: To seek approval to convert the status of an existing footway to a shared use (pedestrian and cyclist) footway.

Recommendations:

That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment exercises his delegated powers and:

- a. approves the conversion of the status of an existing footway, to a shared use footway on Fenton Road, Wingfield, utilising powers under Section 66(4) and 65(1) of the Highways Act 1980.

List of Appendices Included:

Appendix A Plan - Shared use footway Drawing No. 21550/1

Appendix B Approvals Log

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel:

No

Council Approval Required:

No

Exempt from the Press and Public:

No

1. Recommendations:

- 1.1 That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment exercises his delegated powers and:
 - a. approves the conversion of the status of an existing footway to a shared use footway on Fenton Road, Wingfield, utilising powers under Section 66(4) and 65(1) of the Highways Act 1980.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the Council's commitment to promote active travel and encourage active lifestyles, a series of improvements to cycle infrastructure in strategic locations across the borough have been identified. Fenton Road between Greasbrough and Kimberworth has subsequently been identified as an important cycle corridor with improvements to this route likely to increase sustainable travel behaviour.
- 2.2 Improvements will take the form of the conversion of a pedestrian only footway to a shared used footway, therefore allowing cyclists and pedestrians to use the footway simultaneously. This will also benefit the proposed introduction of a controlled crossing (toucan) on Fenton Road.
- 2.3 This proposed shared use footway will provide a continuous off carriageway cycle route between the A629 Wortley Road at Bradgate and Greasbrough and will also provide a link to an existing identified cycle route through Masbrough that links into the town centre and other key employment locations.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 It is proposed to formally convert the footways that have been identified on Fenton Road, (see plan 21550/1) to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists. This will be delivered in conjunction with a scheme to provide a toucan crossing on Fenton Road. These facilities will provide an off carriageway cycle route between Greasbrough and the town centre via Bradgate.
- 3.2 Under Section 66(4) and 65(1) of the Highways Act 1980, the conversion of a footway to shared use status requires the approval of the relevant committee or Officer delegated with that executive function.

4. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 Providing a shared use footway results in a narrower width than that of a segregated footway, where pedestrians and cyclists have their own designated space on the footway. A segregated footway proposal would increase scheme costs significantly due to the need to widen the existing footway. On this basis, a shared pedestrian and cyclist designation would maximise existing infrastructure and reduce delivery costs.

5. Consultation

5.1 Consultation with regard to the provision of a controlled crossing and new footway along Fenton Road (east side from Roughwood Road to Park View) has been undertaken with the Emergency Services and no objections received. Local Ward Members, the Cabinet Member for Waste, Roads and Community Safety and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Local Economy were also consulted and unanimously support these works.

5.2 Should approval for the conversion of the footway be given, additional consultation with the Local Ward Members and the respective Cabinet Member will be undertaken to inform them of the proposed change in the status of the footways.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

6.1 Should the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment approve this recommendation, it is envisaged that works to provide the necessary signage can be implemented in the 2018 calendar year.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 The proposal to sign the shared use status of the footway is estimated to cost approximately £2,500. This forms an important part of a larger scheme to improve the cycling and pedestrian provision along Fenton Road. The implementation of these works will be managed within the Transportation and Highways Design Service's Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Block allocation.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 Legal services were consulted and raised no comments with the proposal to convert the status of the footway.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 None.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 The scheme aims to improve road safety for all road users including vulnerable road users by improving the pedestrian and cycling provision within the immediate and wider area.

11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 N/A.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 N/A.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 N/A.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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Assistant Director of Legal Services:	Stuart Fletcher
Head of Procurement (if appropriate):	Not Applicable



Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment Signed:

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